

BIOMES RESEARCH

For Ms. Gabriel’s class

In the media center

First: What is a biome?

“A biome is a community of plants and animals living together in a certain kind of climate” (Earth Observatory).

Scientists have classified regions of the world into different biomes.To research your biome you’ll want to search for information from the following resources: websites, encyclopedias, nonfiction books, and magazine or journal articles.

What’s important to know about resources?

* You want to choose your information from authoritative, scholarly resources. People who are qualified to write about biomes.
* After choosing your source, you need to choose the most important information.
* Organize your information
* Cite your sources! Make a bibliography by using the Citing Sources page on the Noble Media Center webpage.

**Websites**

I. **Welcome to the World’s Biomes!** [**http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/**](http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/)

Biomes are classified in various ways. This website gives you an in-depth view of the following: aquatic, desert, forests, grasslands, and tundra.

a. Aquatic <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/aquatic.html>

b. Desert <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/deserts.html>

c. Forests <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/forests.html>

d. Grasslands <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/grassland.html>

e. Tundra <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/tundra.html>

II. **Missouri Botanical Garden – Biomes of the World!** [**http://www.mbgnet.net/**](http://www.mbgnet.net/)

Here you’ll find easy-to-understand explanations and examples of different biomes in the world. Plus, you can find out the temperature for today where your biome is located!

III. **Blue Planet Biomes** [**http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/world\_biomes.htm**](http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/world_biomes.htm)

In this website you’ll find info on:

Tundra, taiga, grasslands, deciduous forests, chaparral, deserts, desert-scrub, savanna, rainforest, alpine

IV. **Nasa Earth Observatory**

[**http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Experiments/Biome/index.php**](http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Experiments/Biome/index.php)

In this website you can see images of different biomes. You can find short answers to the temperature, precipitation, vegetation, and location of a particular biome.

**Encyclopedias**

1. <http://www.encyclopedia.com/>

2. The Noble Library print encyclopedias found in the Reference section.

**Articles**

Articles found on NCWise Owl research database

Go to the library homepage. On the left-hand side of the page, you’ll find Links.

Click on Links.

Then, click on NCWise Owl. Use your research tools to search for biomes or ecosystems.

**Nonfiction books**

You have found some books on your own during your information literacy class today. Your teacher will have other books on biomes/ecosystems that have already been pulled for you and which you’ll use in class.

**The End!**